

G. Clay Hollister: Associate Director, Information Technology Services Directorate

G. Clay Hollister became the agency's Associate Director for Information Technology Services Directorate and Chief Information Officer in June 1996. In this position, Mr. Hollister is responsible for overseeing FEMA's consolidated and centralized information technology services for switched voice and data networks, the agency's radio network, and disaster response systems.

Prior to his present position, Mr. Hollister was Deputy Associate Director for Response, in the Response and Recovery Directorate. There, he managed disaster alert and notification systems, the operation of the Federal Response Plan, and teams and the operations of FEMA's mobile communications, automated data processing and logistics systems. Mr. Hollister also served as principal executive for FEMA's responsibilities to acts of terrorism.

Prior positions included serving as Chief of Policy and Planning in FEMA's Office of Information Resources Management and as Deputy Assistant Associate Director in the Office of Operations, National Preparedness Directorate.

Mr. Hollister also served as Acting Regional Director, Region VI.

Mr. Hollister's civil service career began in 1977, when he joined the U.S. Fire Administration., where he created and managed national public education programs including the Sesame Street Fire Safety Program and the Emergency Education Network, the first large-scale federal video teleconferencing project and the most successful satellite-delivered interactive training project of its kind.

Mr. Hollister's diverse career also includes serving as a teacher in Nigeria through the Peace Corps. He produced television documentaries and commercials, including those for President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign, and spent two years in Beirut, Lebanon, producing educational television programs for the Middle East. From 1966 through 1969, he served in the U.S. Army, in Vietnam.

A native of New York City, Mr. Hollister holds a B.A. in English from Duke University and an M.S. in Telecommunications from George Washington University. He also holds a Diploma from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Mr. Hollister has received numerous awards during his career, including the Bronze Star, the GEICO Public Service Award, FEMA's Meritorious Service Award and the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive.

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